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Re U.S. Patent Application

Applicant: Edwin H. Christensen

Serial No.: 09/160,618

Filed: September 24, 1998

For: **SEMI-MOIST ORAL DELIVERY
SYSTEM**

Examiner: T. Ware

AMENDMENT

Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The Office Action of September 07, 2001, including the Examiner's interview
summary form, has been carefully reviewed and the following amendments and remarks are made
in response thereto.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 12, and 26 as follows:

1. (four times amended) A carrier for the oral administration of an additive selected
from the group consisting of pharmaceutical, nutritional supplements, vitamins and minerals, and
mixtures thereof to mammals in a discrete dosage form, said carrier comprising:

an extrudate including a matrix having
about 10 to about 50% wt starch,

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